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SECONDARY BATTERY

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Group Art Unit: 1745

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Enclosed herewith is a Petition Under Rule 1.377 of Akira Yamaguchi et al. for the above-identified patent application entitled: NONAQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE SECONDARY BATTERY.

Enclosed are: Supplemental IDS Statement
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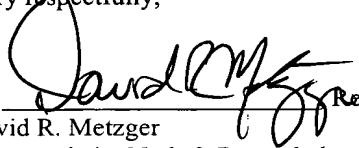
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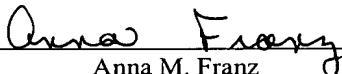
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

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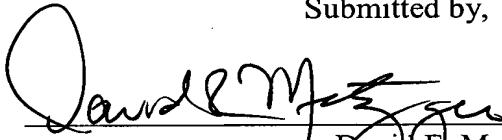
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REMARKS

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